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Office Action Summary

	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 May 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-10 and 12-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-10 and 12-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ |
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SUPPLEMENTAL DETAILED ACTION

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the amendment filed 10/017,655 in which claims 1-10 and 12-20 were amended, claims 21 and 22 were added, and claim 11 was canceled.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 12 is objected to because of the following informalities: lines 2-3, "type" should be deleted. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Li et al, US Patent No. 5,672,858, in view of Giordano et al, US Patent No. 6,321,990.

Li et al disclose an apparatus and method for reading indicia using charge coupled device and scanning laser beam technology comprising: a photodetector 409 for detecting the reflection of light 440 from the scanning light beam 430 off the UPC symbol 411; a CCD 404 separately images the reflected light 440 from the UPS code symbol 413; a processor 420, includes a conventional decoder 420a and symbol discriminator 420b, the discriminator 420b determines if the symbol 413 being read by the CCD is of a particular symbology type, e.g. a matrix code conforming to UPSCODE(TM) symbology; a processor 424, including a conventional decoder 424a and symbol discriminator 424b, is provided to determine if the symbol 411 being read by the photodiode 409 is of a particular symbology type, e.g. a bar

code conforming to a UPC code symbology. (see figure 4B and col. 13, line 17+).

Li et al fail teach in the background that if successfully and completely decoded the decoding process terminates and an indicator of a successful read (such as green light or audible sound) (see col. 4, lines 3-14), but fail to disclose or fairly suggest that the indication means of the reader are LEDs (i.e. photo, illumination, lights) or vibration signal for indicating a valid read.

Giordano et al disclose a scanner with shock-absorbing canopy overmolded with linear of housing comprising: means for indicating a successful decode, wherein the indication includes diodes 236, 238, or sound (beeper), or a vibrator for generating a vibrating signal to alert an operator (see col. 7, lines 54-59).

In view of Giordano et al's teachings, it would have been obvious for a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the well-known diodes (LED), sound, or vibration indicating means, as means for indicating to an operator when a valid scan occurs. Such modification would make the system more effective and more practical by providing the LEDs or a vibrator for validating each scan of the system. Furthermore, the teachings of Giordano show that these indication means could be used interchangeably, within the art, for alerting operators. Therefore, it would have been an obvious extension as taught by Li et al.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-10 and 12-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

The limitation "photo" indicator or illumination required further search.

Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel St.Cyr whose telephone number is 703-305-2656. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G Lee can be reached on 703-305-3503. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-7721 for regular communications and 703-308-7724 for After Final communications.

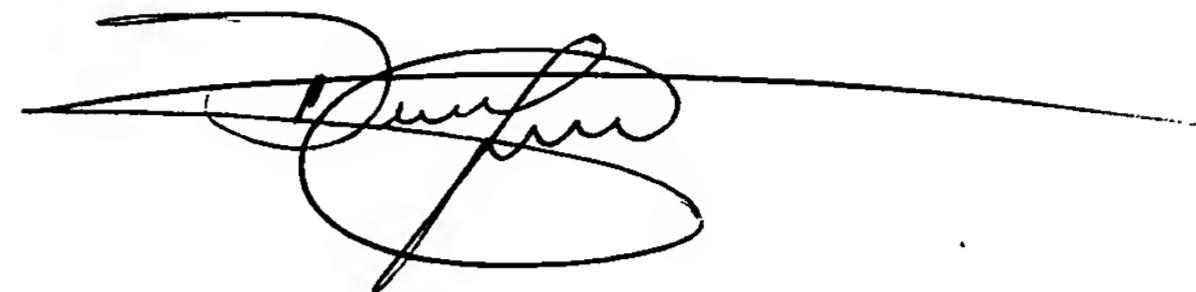
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